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**AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Serial No. 10/060,944 Filing Date: January 30, 2002

Examiner: Zia R. Hashmi Group Art Unit: 2881

Invention "Method of Inspecting Holes Using Charged-Particle Beam"

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

☐ Small entity status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
☒ No additional fee is required.  
☐ The fee has been calculated as shown below:

| No. of Claims<br>After<br>Amendment          | Highest No.<br>Previously<br>Paid For | Present<br>Extra | Small Entity<br>Rate | Non-Small<br>Entity Rate | Charge   |
|--|---------------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|----------|
| Total <u>20</u>                              | <u>56</u>                             | <u>0</u> X       | \$ 9.00              | X \$ 18.00               | \$ _____ |
| Indep. <u>6</u>                              | <u>6</u>                              | <u>0</u> X       | \$ 42.00             | X \$ 84.00               | \$ _____ |
| First Presentation<br>of Multiple Dep. Claim |                                       |                  | + \$140.00           | + \$280.00               | \$ _____ |
| Total Additional Fee                         |                                       |                  |                      |                          | \$ _____ |

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☐ A check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed for a \_\_\_\_\_ month Petition for Extension of Time.  
☒ The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of the following fees associated with this communication to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. Please refund any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 23-0650. An original and two copies of this sheet are enclosed.  
☒ Any additional filing fees required under 37 CFR 1.16.  
☒ Any patent application processing fees under 37 CFR 1.17.

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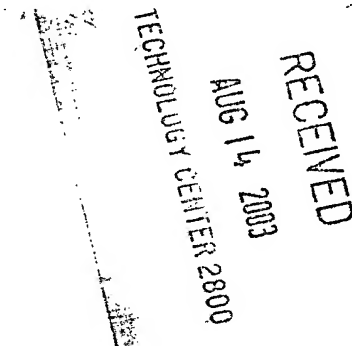
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Applicant : Naoki KIKUCHI et al.  
Title : METHOD OF INSPECTING HOLES USING CHARGED-  
PARTICLE BEAM  
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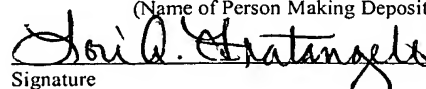
Sir:

In response to the Office Action of May 9, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 9 of this paper.

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